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Hon J. C. Collier
Barnesville, Ga.

Dear Sir:— Your letter of Jan 8 to Robert H. Collier of San Francisco has been sent to me. My brother Robert, who took a great interest in tracing the genealogy of the family, died about two years ago.

I have read carefully your account of the decendants of Isaac Collier who came from England to Virginia during the 16th century and can find no connection <u>after</u> their coming to America of this branch of the Collier family and the branch to which I belong. If there is a connection it must have been from our common ancestry back in England or Scotland through David Collier born April 1, 1765. He is the one farthest back, of whom I have any authentic record, although there are vague stories that Admiral Sir George Collier, who fought in the Revolution against the Colonists, was a member of the family. The following are some of the data about this David Collier and his descendants

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A — David Collier, born Apl 1, 1765
B — Helen (Webster) Collier, his wife, born Mch 10, 1771

Children of the above.

C — David Collier, born Jan. 31, 1790, died 1878
D — William Collier, born Jan 4, 1792, died 1868
E — George Collier, born Oct 31, 1793 died 1854
F — Robert Collier, born Dec 31, 1795, died 1844
G — Helen Collier born Aug 8, 1797 — Married Laing
H — Margaret Collier born Oct 18, 1802 — Married Morrison
I — Elizabeth Collier born June 3, 1804, Married Ord
J — John Collier born May 12 1806
K — Mary Collier born Jan 1, 1808, Married Laing
L — James Collier, born May 2 1810 died 1844
M — Thomas Collier born Aug 31, 1812 died Nov 9, 1863
N — Peter Collier born Dec 29, 1814.

The following is from memory by Joseph, son of F-Robert

A — David Collier arrived in an open boat from Kirkaldy, south of Scotland, where he became involved in the bread riots of the time, and drifted west to 10 or 15 miles from Banff. After his family was grown they had curiosity to know about the Collier family

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so they chose David (C on the list) to go to Kirkaldy to look it up, but learned nothing, he being too proud to ask questions.

B — Helen was a very small woman, all of her sons were very tall men, averaging over 6 feet. she inherited money from a brother.

C — David conducted a country store

D — William Collier, grandfather of William Collier of Riverside, Cal. He and George Collier came to America in 1817. ~~He~~ settled ~~near Columbus Ohio in Chautauqua Co. N.Y.~~ settled in Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

E. — George Collier came to America in 1817. He was father of County Judge of Gilpin Co., Colo., D.C. Collier, grandfather of D.C. Collier who represented the U.S. at the Brazilian Exposition — father of Prof S.H. Collier, grandfather of George Collier (the undersigned), C.M. Collier, Eugene, Oregon, David Collier, Gardner Mass., Arthur Collier, U.S. Geological Survey Washington D.C.

7 — Robert Collier, had a country store 12 miles east of Banff. father of Joseph Collier, Denver Col. grandfather of Robert Collier Denver Colo.

G — Helen Collier took care of her mother, had four Helens named after her

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H. – Margaret – Mother of 12 children, mother of Mrs David Duncan literary emanuensis of Herbert Spencer.

I – Elizabeth worked the big farm at Millseat.

J – John kept a store at Millseat.

K – Mary – Mrs Laing – mother of Mary Tennant of Aberdeen.

L James Collier came to America and nothing more heard concerning him.

M – Thomas went to Australia.

N – Peter Collier, had only one employer all his life. Major domo to Laird of Mont blairy near Turriff.

Perhaps L – James Collier is an ancestor of Congressman James Collier of Mississippi.

If you can throw any light upon the birth or parentage of A – David Collier I would be delighted to hear about it.

Yours truly
George Collier